

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A camera comprising:
 - a lens barrel which holds a lens; and
 - a barrier unit placed closer to the end of the lens barrel than a flange which is formed on the lens barrel and extends in the direction orthogonal to the optical axis, wherein the barrier unit has:
 - a barrier member which opens/closes the front of the lens through a rotation operation;
 - a barrier driving mechanism which drives the barrier member according to the operation of the lens barrel; and
 - a partition plate which separates the barrier member from the barrier driving mechanism in the direction of the optical axis, and
 - a shaft which supports the barrier member in a rotatable manner is formed on the flange.
2. (Original) The camera according to claim 1, wherein the partition plate has a recess portion to avoid interfering with the shaft.
3. (Original) The camera according to claim 1, wherein the shaft and the flange are integrated with the lens barrel.

4. (Canceled).

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